

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on February 2, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Abbott
Rep. Ehli
Rep. A. Hertz
Rep. G. Hertz
Rep. Kipp III

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 331, 1/30/2017; HB 335, 1/31/2017

HEARING ON HB 331**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:09 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 331, Revocation of property tax exemption for payment of excessive compensation.

EXHIBIT(tah24a01)

00:02:15 Rep. Abbott joined the meeting

Proponents:

00:11:30 Nancy Beougher, Self

00:12:13 Richard Closson, Self

Opponents:

00:14:26 Dick Brown, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

00:19:43 Jason Rittal, Montana Nonprofit Association

00:22:48 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals in Montana

00:27:33 Bill Warden, St. Peter's Hospital

00:28:49 Rep. G. Hertz joined the meeting

00:28:56 Mark Baker, Kalispell Regional Healthcare System, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

00:33:30 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:38:51 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System

00:41:56 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (Montax)

Informational Witnesses:

00:44:09 Sen. Olszewski

00:44:55 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:41 Rep. Dunwell

00:49:49 Rep. M. Regier

00:50:25 Rep. Fern

00:51:32 Dick Brown, MHA

00:52:55 Rep. Hamilton

00:55:53 Rep. M. Regier

00:56:18 Rep. Jacobson

01:03:37 Rep. M. Regier

01:04:19 Rep. G. Hertz

01:05:05 Sen. Olszewski

01:08:21 Rep. B. Smith

01:08:39 Sen. Olszewski

01:09:23 Rep. Z. Brown

01:09:44 Rep. Fern

01:10:42 Mark Baker, Kalispell Regional Healthcare System, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, MCC

01:16:16 Rep. Redfield

01:17:34 Dick Brown, MHA

01:17:44 Rep. Dunwell

01:19:01 Dick Brown, MHA

01:19:35 Rep. Dunwell
 01:20:03 Linda Sather, Department of Revenue (DOR)
 01:20:45 Rep. Dunwell
 01:22:13 Mark Baker, Kalispell Regional Healthcare System, Kalispell Chamber of
 Commerce, MCC
 01:22:31 Rep. Flynn
 01:24:28 Linda Sather, DOR
 01:24:45 Chair Essmann
 01:25:00 Jason Rittal, Montana Nonprofit Association
 01:25:45 Chair Essmann
 01:28:16 Dick Brown, MHA
 01:28:52 Chair Essmann
 01:30:18 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:10 Rep. M. Regier

 01:34:57 Vice Chair Flynn took the chair

 01:35:14 Recessed
 01:44:00 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 335

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:45:01 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 335, Provide
 exemption from income tax withholding.

Proponents: None

Opponents:

01:47:12 Shona McHugh, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:30 Rep. Z. Brown
 01:51:52 Rep. Trebas
 01:52:18 Shona McHugh, DOR
 01:52:35 Rep. Welch
 01:52:54 Shona McHugh, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:53:43 Rep. Trebas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:57:21

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah24aad.pdf](#))